

## THE FIRST PAGEANT.

OCT. 12 WILL BE A DAY OF WONDERS IN NEW YORK CITY.

There Will Be a Five Days' Festival, but the Parade on the Night of the 12th Will Surpass Any Previous Display in America.



COLUMBUS first saw the first island of the New World on Oct. 21, 1492, and not on the 12th, as the old histories have it, and so the national ceremonies at Chicago center on the 21st. In New York city, however, the 12th will be the great day in order that President Harrison may attend on both, as well as for many other reasons. And New York will make the day and night brilliant indeed, besides enlivening several preceding days.

There will be some 40,000 soldiers in the military display, anywhere from 60,000 to 100,000 children in the school parades, four or five miles of people in the day parade of the 12th, and at night a combination and symbolic array of floats, tableaux vivants and banners which will reproduce old Spain in all the glory of Ferdinand and Isabella's time, and represent the progress of America from Toltec priest to Talmage and from the cave dweller to the typewriter girl who summers by the sea and wears suspenders.

The celebration really began with the reception by the Italian residents of the transport Garigliano, which brought the statue of Columbus. Her officers have been entertained in fine style by their countrymen of New York, and honors were heaped upon Lieutenant Manlio Garibaldi, youngest son of the great liberator, till he was quite overcome. On Sept. 14 the cornerstone of the pedestal was laid at the intersection of Eighth avenue and Fifty-ninth street, and eighty-five Italian societies in their various regalia escorted the statue from Washington square to its permanent site. President Barotti, of the Italian societies, made the presentation speech and Mayor Grant the speech of acceptance.

A sort of five days' festival will begin on Oct. 8, with special school and synagogue services, Jewish citizens having made special arrangements to celebrate the event. On Sunday, the 9th, services in all the city churches will be of a memorial nature, the ministers making the great event the chief topic, and in the afternoon all the Sunday schools will hold special services. On Monday all the day schools, colleges, academies, industrial schools and orphan's homes will have their parade, and President Harrison, at the World monument, will review the line. On Tuesday the great naval parade will take place, and the next day, Oct. 12, will be the greatest day of all.

Among the adornments for the occasion the Columbus arch will be chief, and though the permanent work cannot be finished in time the temporary structure to stand at the Fifty-ninth street entrance to Central park will for the occasion produce the effect of genuine materials. The arch that is to remain as long as the stone endures is not only a marvel of beauty in itself, but is doubly wonderful as the design of a man but just twenty-one years of age. He conceived the design after studying the arch of Constantine, and out of thirty designs presented the committee selected his at once, and he was awarded the gold medal.

Mr. Henry B. Herts, who received this high honor, is a New York boy and a student in the department of architecture of Columbia college. Last summer he traveled abroad and painted some sketches which attracted attention. While in Rome he was particularly struck by the bold simplicity of the arch of Constantine, and the adaptability of its general style to variations in finish, and especially its appropriateness for certain points in New York city where arches are some day to be placed. His first adaptation of it excited the admiration of all artists, and the permanent structure will be erected as soon as the needed \$350,000 can be secured. On the 12th the visitor will see a perfect model of it.

It will be 160 feet high and 120 feet wide. The white marble opening to the arch will be 80 feet high and 40 feet wide. On either side of the supports will be four polished red marble monolithic columns. The panels between the columns will be richly decorated surfaces in bas-relief and mosaic descriptive of the life of Columbus.



THE COLUMBUS ARCH.

At the base of the arch will be four fountains symbolical of victory and immortality. Electric lights will illuminate the waterfall at night. The arch will be cut into colossal figures of "Victory." The frieze will be of polished red marble, the keystone an eagle rampant in bronze. On the central panel of the attic will be this inscription:

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Discoverer of America.

The minor panels in white marble will represent Columbus entering Madrid in triumph on his return from the first voyage, and other scenes in his life. The crowning piece of the arch will be a group representing "Columbus Discovering America." The ship is there represented as casting anchor on the New shore. To the right and left are North and South America welcoming the new life, represented by figures suggestive of exploration, science and art. Above is the winged messenger proclaiming to the nations that a new era has opened. Three other contestants received medals or honorable mention, and their designs will appear on minor pieces along the line of march.

Other emblems and decorative works of beauty and interest will be placed on the city hall. These are only the principal decorations. The day will begin with a salvo of artillery at sunrise from the forts and a general unfurling of flags, every church bell in the city ringing as the flags are unfurled. The military, consisting of soldiers from New York, New Jersey and Connecticut, with detachments from other states, will take the lead in the parade, followed by a long array of civic societies and local orders. The line of march will be from the Battery up Broadway, then to Fourth avenue, and thence by various commodious streets to Fifth avenue and Fifty-ninth street, and there in the presence of the president of the United States, vice president, ex-presidents, the cabinet, governors, mayors and foreign ministers the great Columbus statue, presented by the Italian citizens of New York, will be formally unveiled.

The parade of floats and tableaux vivants in the evening will follow the same route and throughout the entire line of march will be illuminated by the most brilliant electric lights which science can contribute in that space. If one half the committee promises be done, this will far exceed any previous display of the kind, and men of science declare that the moving lighthouse, if such it may be called, prepared for the occasion by the Edison Electric Light company, will more than realize the most gorgeous dream of Jules Verne.

The idea of a parade illuminated by its own light, carried with it as it moves, is certainly novel enough in itself, but the Edison plant will not only do this, but supply in addition the light for over 5,000 bicycles, which are to follow it, and for most of the parade in advance. The display is to be popular in character, with humorous touches here and there, but still presenting dramatic scenes in the progress of the country. Of course our old friends—"Liberty and



HENRY B. HERTS.

Union," Pocahontas and Captain John Smith, the Pilgrim Fathers, De Soto and the noble red man—will be in it, but they will have many new companions. The committee of one hundred insist that this will be, as the "Outside shouters" says, the very finest thing in the show.

The celebration will close Thursday night with a grand banquet at Carnegie Music hall. And in conclusion it is scarcely necessary to add that the weather forecasts will be of great interest to every patriotic New Yorker. If, however, the evening of the 12th is unpropitious, this large parade will take place on the evening of the 18th.

J. B. PARKE.

## Trying to Gain a Foothold.

That Germany acknowledges the advantages the United States is deriving through the commercial arrangements with Latin-American republics is evidenced by the strenuous efforts now being made by that country to negotiate commercial treaties with those countries in South America with which this country has no arrangements. The German press is almost a unit in seconding the policy of the government. The French minister of commerce has also succeeded in negotiating with several of the republics of South America not joined with the United States by commercial arrangements treaties of commerce and navigation guaranteeing to France the most favored national treatment for her products.

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